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Committee Bill No. 410

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING LAND PROTECTION, AFFORDABLE
HOUSING AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-34a of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (NEW) (e) In addition to the fees for recording a document under
4 subsection (a) of this section, town clerks shall receive a fee of twenty
5 dollars for each document recorded in the land records of the
6 municipality. The town clerk shall retain one dollar of any fee paid
7 pursuant to this subsection. Not later than the fifteenth day of each
8 month, town clerks shall remit the remainder of the fees paid pursuant
9 to this subsection during the previous calendar month to the State
10 Treasurer. Upon deposit in the General Fund, three dollars of each fee
11 shall be credited to the Local Capital Improvement Fund established
12 pursuant to section 7-535 and sixteen dollars shall be credited to the
13 land protection, affordable housing and historic preservation account
14 established pursuant to section 2 of this act. The provisions of this
15 subsection shall not apply to any document recorded on the land
16 records by an employee of the state or of a municipality in conjunction

17 with said employee's official duties. As used in this subsection,
 18 "municipality" includes each town, consolidated town and city, city,
 19 consolidated town and borough, borough, district, as defined in
 20 chapter 105 or 105a, and each municipal board, commission and taxing
 21 district not previously mentioned.

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) There is established, within
 23 the General Fund, a separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the
 24 "land protection, affordable housing and historic preservation
 25 account". The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be
 26 deposited in the account. The moneys in said account shall be
 27 distributed as follows: Twenty-five per cent to the Historic
 28 Preservation Council for on-going maintenance to the physical plant of
 29 historic sites; twenty-five per cent to the Connecticut Housing Finance
 30 Authority to supplement new or existing affordable housing
 31 programs; twenty-five per cent to the Department of Agriculture for
 32 farmland preservation programs and twenty-five per cent to the
 33 Department of Environmental Protection for municipal open space
 34 grants.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	7-34a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide funding for local capital improvements, historic preservation, affordable housing and farmland preservation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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